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REMARKS

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1. On [] the restricted area (2086) south of Reeblinsee, Fuerstenberg, was heavily occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Source expressed the belief that, in addition to the troops previously stationed there, the area was occupied by a combat unit. Numerous soldiers received field training with rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns in the adjoining area.

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2. On [] the Ravensbrueck concentration camp (2082/83/84) was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. AT guns and tanks fired in the restricted area. Reports of artillery were heard from the direction of Stolpsee. About 300 troops received infantry training in the fields.

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3. On [] the restricted area west of the railroad station (2087?) was occupied by supply installations, presumably including a ration supply depot. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fresh meat and boxes were dispatched from the installation.

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[redacted] and, after 30 minutes, 3 T-34/85 tanks entered the installation from the direction of the Carlshorst firing range. About 100 troops were improving the trench positions in the training area near the Drogen-Fuerstenberg road, while another 100 troops engaged in entrenching work and 100 troops drilled on the other side of the road between the highway and the railroad line. Numerous reports of infantry weapons, machine guns, and artillery pieces were heard from the Carlshorst firing range. At about 1 p.m. on [redacted] 50 troops entered the installation from the direction of the firing range; on this day, reports of only machine guns and carbines were heard from the firing range. An undetermined number of troops reconditioned telephone lines on the Fuerstenberg-Berlin road.

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3. On [redacted], the barracks installation on Castavensee (2091) was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On [redacted] a new clearing near the barracks fence. On [redacted] 100 troops received instruction on 120-mm mortars and about 100 troops drilled.

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11. On [redacted] the restricted area south of Roeblinsee was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the unusually heavy vehicular traffic to and from the town. At about 5:15 p.m., a total of 15 sedans occupied by troops left the installation toward the town within a few minutes.

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12. At about 1:45 a.m. on [redacted], a train of 2 coaches occupied by troops and 41 flatcars each carrying 2 trucks, including several radio trucks and some trucks covered by tarpaulins; and a second train of 3 coaches occupied by troops and about 30 other railroad cars, including many flatcars occupied by trucks and field kitchens, were seen on two sidings at the Fuerstenberg railroad station. The trains, which had no engines were no longer observed at about 6:30 a.m. On [redacted] a shipment of 2 coaches occupied by troops and 37 flatcars carrying about 40 to 42 newly painted grey trucks, and presumably 37-mm AA guns passed through the Lychen railroad station, coming from the direction of Templin and proceeding toward Fuerstenberg. [redacted] 2

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1. [redacted] Comment. Observations in paragraphs 1, 2, 10, and 11 indicate the possibility that units of the Second Gds Mecz Army, in the first half of [redacted] conducted exercises in the Fuerstenberg area, during which troop elements may have been stationed in the restricted area south of Roeblinsee and the Ravensbrueck concentration camp. The exercises presumably were local exercises, with the headquarters of the army from the restricted area being involved. The information fails to indicate whether the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div from the barracks installation on Castavensee and the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div from the barracks installation in Drogen also participated in these exercises.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably a shipment of a light AAA battery of the 25th Tank Div which, according to reports on transportation, went from Templin to Justerbog under shipment record No. 53202 on [redacted]

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